

### Manuscript Club To Hear Noted Video Writer

Fenton Earnshaw, well-known television writer, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Southwest Manuscripters which will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Clark Stadium Community Building, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach. He will be introduced by Lee Marks, new program chairman for the Southwest Manuscripters Club.

Earnshaw has written 350 teleplays, including episodes for such popular television series as Wagon Train, Mickey

Spillane and Lassie. He is a former president of the Radio and TV Branch of the Writers Guild of America, West, Inc., the organization which represents all writers for radio, television, and motion pictures. At present, he is Story Supervisor for Allied Artists.

Earnshaw has traveled extensively, is a bachelor, and his favorite hobby is sailing.

ACCORDING TO Lula Messall, former hospitality chair-

man, a writing class is now in session at the Palos Verdes Art Gallery each Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. The Los Angeles County Adult Education Board sponsors the course which is taught by Esther Mathewson. Registration fee is 25 cents. The session will be in progress until June. Curriculum covers material for beginning and advanced writers, and students are free to progress according to their own capabilities.

### Mobil Names New Officer

Robert L. Minckler, Senior Vice President, Mobil Oil Company, today announced the appointment of L. C. Stevens as division vice president for exploration and producing of the Los Angeles Division, Mobil Oil Co.

P. S. Magruder, who was in charge of these activities up to the time of the merger of General Petroleum Corp. into Socony Mobil Oil Co., will continue in that capacity until Stevens assumes his new position upon completion of the new organization and thereafter will report to Minckler.

Magruder, 570 Highland Dr., Pasadena, has been with the Mobil organization since 1925.

MINCKLER also announced the appointment of R. O. Swayze as manager of production, and H. D. Hobson as manager of exploration for the Los Angeles Division. These positions correspond to those held by the same men in General Petroleum Corp.

Swayze, San Marino, has been with the Mobil organization since 1921. Hobson, Sierra Madre, has been with the Mobil organization since 1940.

STEVENS WILL assume his new position on completion, about March 31, of a project which will establish an exploration and producing organization in Los Angeles patterned after the Mobil divisions recently created in Denver, Colo., and Houston and Midland, Tex. Formerly a director, vice president, and manager of production of Mobil Oil of Canada, Ltd., Calgary, he will relocate in Los Angeles immediately to direct this project.

Conditions change, and our attitude towards them has changed, but principles remain the same.

### Senate Redistricting Opponents 'Mislead Voters' Professor Says

Dr. Currin V. Shields, political science professor at UCLA, has joined the Committee for Equitable Representation in the State Senate and criticized opponents of the Constitutional Amendment to redistrict the State Senate.

"Opponents of this measure," said Dr. Shields, "are deliberately trying to misrepresent the present inequitable apportionment of the state's 40 senatorial districts.

"They refer to the present system as the 'federal plan of senate districting'. This makes no sense in terms of the American political system.

"CALIFORNIA," continued Dr. Shields, "unlike the United States of which it is a part, is not a federal union. It is a state. There is no justification for a federal basis of legislative representation in California or any other American state. Moreover, we do not now have in California a so-called 'federal plan'.

"If we were to use the analogy of the federal system, each political subdivision would have at least one representative in the Assembly as well as the State Senate. We have 58 counties in California but only 40 senatorial districts. A federal plan would mean an increase in the number of Senators to 58 and of Assemblymen from 80 to 109. Some of these legislators would have less than 15,000 constituents in their districts.

"THIS WOULD be a grossly inequitable basis for legislative representation. So is the present system. In a large and diversified state like ours, geography should be given due consideration, but not the only consideration. Traditionally the legislatures of American states represent people, not vast uninhabited areas.

Dr. Shields pointed out that, "Political subdivisions in the northern part of California are not only smaller in area but are very sparsely populated. The recent organization set up by Senator Edward Regan (D) (Weaverville) includes public officials of 9 northern counties. These nine counties have an area slightly more than San Bernardino County and their combined population is only one-fourth that of San Diego County.

THE PROPOSED Constitutional Amendment referred to as the 20-20 Plan is a fair basis for senate districting," concluded Dr. Shields.

"It takes geography as well as population and economic affinity into consideration. I am for it because it would equalize representation between the north and south, and between urban and rural areas, thus balancing representation in the State Senate. I urge that the voters of this state not be misled by the so-called 'California Federalists' about the great merits of the 20-20 Plan for Senate redistricting."

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